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Prior Application Art Unit: 2841 Prior Application Examiner: H. Bui

SIR: This is a request for filing a

☒ Continuation ☐ Continuation-in-Part ☐ Divisional Application under 37 C.F.R. § 1.53(b) of pending prior application Serial No. 09/366,722 filed August 4, 1999 of Takeyuki AMARI and Yoshiyuki FURUYA for AUDIO RACK FOR A VEHICLE.

1. ☒ Enclosed is a complete copy of the prior application including the oath or Declaration and drawings, if any, as originally filed. I hereby verify that the attached papers are a true copy of prior application Serial No. 09/366,722 as originally filed on August 4, 1999, which is incorporated herein by reference.
2. ☐ Enclosed is a substitute specification under 37 C.F.R. § 1.125.
3. ☐ Enclosed is a Request for Non-Publication of Application and Certification Under 35 U.S.C. § 1.22(b)(2)(B)(i).
4. ☐ Cancel Claims [Text].
5. ☒ A Preliminary Amendment is enclosed.
6. ☒ The filing fee is calculated on the basis of the claims existing in the prior application as amended at 4 and 5 above.

Basic Application Filing Fee					\$710	\$ 710.00
	Number of Claims		Basic	Extra Claims		
Total Claims	10	-	20		x \$18	
Independent Claims	1	-	3		x \$80	
<input type="checkbox"/> Presentation of Multiple Dep. Claim(s)					+\$270	
Subtotal						\$ 710.00
Reduction by 1/2 if small entity						-

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7. ☒ A check in the amount of \$710.00 to cover the filing fee is enclosed.
8. ☒ The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees which may be required including fees due under 37 C.F.R. § 1.16 and any other fees due under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17, or credit any overpayment during the pendency of this application to Deposit Account No. 06-0916.
9. ☒ Amend the specification by inserting before the first line, the following new paragraph:
- This is a ☒ continuation ☐ division of application Serial No. 09/366,722, filed August 4, 1999, which is incorporated herein by reference.
10. ☐ New formal drawings are enclosed.
11. ☒ The prior application is assigned of record to: YAZAKI CORPORATION
12. ☒ Priority of application Serial No. P10-221775, filed on August 5, 1998 in Japan is claimed under 35 U.S.C. § 119. A certified copy
- ☐ is enclosed or ☒ is on file in the prior application.
13. ☐ A verified statement claiming small entity status
- ☐ is enclosed or ☐ is on file in the prior application.
14. ☒ The power of attorney in the prior application is to at least one of the following: FINNEGAN, HENDERSON, FARABOW, GARRETT & DUNNER, L.L.P., Douglas B. Henderson, Reg. No. 20,291; Ford F. Farabow, Jr., Reg. No. 20,630; Arthur S. Garrett, Reg. No. 20,338; Donald R. Dunner, Reg. No. 19,073; Brian G. Brunsvold, Reg. No. 22,593; Tipton D. Jennings, IV, Reg. No. 20,645; Jerry D. Voight, Reg. No. 23,020; Laurence R. Heffer, Reg. No. 20,827; Kenneth E. Payne, Reg. No. 23,098; Herbert H. Mintz, Reg. No. 26,691; C. Larry O'Rourke, Reg. No. 26,014; Albert J. Santorelli, Reg. No. 22,610; Michael C. Elmer, Reg. No. 25,857; Richard H. Smith, Reg. No. 20,609; Stephen L. Peterson, Reg. No. 26,325; John M. Romary, Reg. No. 26,331; Bruce C. Zotter, Reg. No. 27,680; Dennis P. O'Reilly, Reg. No. 27,932; Allen M. Sokal, Reg. No. 26,695; Robert D. Bajefsky, Reg. No. 25,387; Richard L. Stroup, Reg. No. 28,478; David W. Hill, Reg. No. 28,220; Thomas L. Irving, Reg. No. 28,619; Charles E. Lipsey, Reg. No. 28,165; Thomas W. Winland,

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15. ☐ The power appears in the original declaration of the prior application.
16. ☐ Since the power does not appear in the original declaration, a copy of the power in the prior application is enclosed.
17. ☒ Please address all correspondence to FINNEGAN, HENDERSON, FARABOW, GARRETT and DUNNER, L.L.P., 1300 I Street, N.W., Washington, D.C. 20005-3315, **Customer Number 22,852**.
18. ☐ Recognize as associate attorney \_\_\_\_\_
19. ☒ Also enclosed is IDS including references cited by the Examiner in prior application Serial No. 09/366,722, filed August 4, 1999 (Paper Nos. 3 & 8).

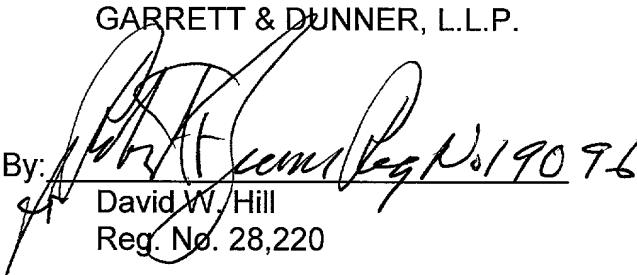
**PETITION FOR EXTENSION.** If any extension of time is necessary for the filing of this application, including any extension in the parent application, serial no. 09/366,722, filed August 4, 1999, for the purpose of maintaining copendency between the parent application and this application, and such extension has not otherwise been requested, such an extension is hereby requested, and the Commissioner is authorized to charge

necessary fees for such an extension to our Deposit Account No. 06-0916. A duplicate copy of this paper is enclosed for use in charging the deposit account.

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Dated: September 28, 2001

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Sir:

**REQUEST FOR APPROVAL OF DRAWING CHANGES**

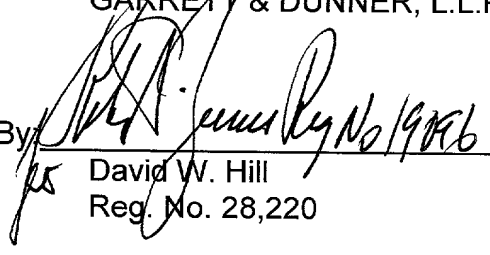
Subject to the approval of the Examiner, it is respectfully requested that Figs. 1 and 5 in the above-captioned application be amended by redrawing the second electrical equipment to have a shorter height. It is also requested that Fig. 5 be amended to delete an incorrect reference numeral 66. It is requested that a new Fig. 8 be added to show an embodiment of the claimed invention. The changes are indicated in red on the attached copy of the originally filed drawings and newly added Fig. 8 is circled in red.

Upon approval of the proposed changes, Applicants respectfully request that the submission of revised drawings be deferred until after a notice of allowance has issued.

Respectfully submitted,

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